The kind of devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has never been seen before:

780,000

of us temporarily displaced from our homes

**123,000** homes and 82,000 rental units suffered terrible damage

In just six months since the storms, we removed **25 times more debris** from Louisiana than was removed from the World Trade Center site

At times it seems like an impossible job to rebuild those homes, but we will come back better than ever. And to help our residents get back into a home or apartment as quickly and fairly as possible, Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and the Louisiana Recovery Authority have developed:



Building a Safer, Smarter, Stronger Louisiana



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A BLUEPRINT FOR BUILDING A SAFER, STRONGER, SMARTER LOUISIANA

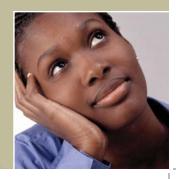


A Housing Plan for Louisiana Neighborhoods and Parishes









# **Getting You Home in a Fair and Timely Way**

Under the current Road Home proposal, eligible homeowners have choices about rebuilding their homes. Homeowners are eligible for the total amount of damages to the house - on top of any insurance and FEMA repair payments - up to a total level of assistance not to exceed \$150,00. You also may be eligible for grants to help prevent similar damages in the future. If your costs to get back into your home are higher than your losses, additional assistance may be available.

## Homeowners can choose from these four options:



## Repair

To repair your existing home, the state will pay you for damages up to the pre-storm value. You may be eligible for an affordable loan to cover the gap if there is a difference between repair costs and the grant you receive.



### Rebuild/Resettle

If you choose to rebuild on your property, the state will pay you for damages up to the pre-storm value. You may be eligible for an affordable loan to cover the gap if there is a difference between repair costs and the grant you receive.



### **Buyout/Relocate**

If you want to sell the rights to your home and move somewhere else in Louisiana, the state will pay you for damages up to the pre-storm value of your home. You may be eligible for an affordable loan to cover the gap if there is a difference between repair costs and the grant you receive.



#### Sell

If you wish to move somewhere outside of Louisiana, the state will buy your home for 60 percent of its pre-storm value or the estimated repair costs for the property, whichever is less.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Just like the choices you need to make, the requirements are fairly simple and easy. To qualify for assistance:

- You must have lived in the home as your main residence at the time of the hurricanes
- Your home must be a single unit structure
- Your home must qualify, through FEMA, as having been "destroyed" or having suffered "major" or "severe" damage."

As a homeowner, you are eligible for the total amount of damages to your house - on top of any insurance and FEMA repair payments - up to a maximum of \$150,000.

We have also developed a plan to restore Louisiana's rental units. This plan encourages landlords and investors to rebuild affordable rental properties, so everyone can have a chance to come home.



# **Resources to Help You Understand Your Choices**

To make this process as easy as possible, we created four simple choices. Still, we understand this is a major life and financial decision. You may want help before making a selection.

Governor Blanco and the Division of Administration introduced a housing registry that is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. You can call 1-888-

ROAD-2LA, or you can log on to a one-stop web portal at <a href="www.LouisianaRebuilds.info">www.LouisianaRebuilds.info</a>. The web site provides answers to frequently asked questions and links to businesses, non profits and other Louisiana citizens who can help provide additional information and resources.

• Additional support services will be provided for anyone needing professional advice and guidance in making a choice.



REMEMBER: To be eligible, you must register either by phone or web 1-888-ROAD-2LA or www.LouisianaRebuilds.info